



TOWN OF GRAFTON

Grafton Memorial Municipal Center
30 Providence Road
Grafton, Massachusetts 01519

Constable Appointment Policy

POLICY:

The following Policy shall be implemented when an individual applies to be a constable in the Town of Grafton (the Town), pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41 §§ 91A and 91B.

1. All applicants must reside within the Town of Grafton or be employed by the Town. For the purpose of this policy, "reside" shall mean physically residing at an address within the Town at the time of application. Any evidence uncovered that shows the applicant to have used a "straw" residence for the purpose of application shall automatically be disqualified from consideration.
2. Any constables serving the Town at the time of this policies adoption who do not meet the criteria outline in Point One, shall be allowed to retain their position as constable at the discretion of the Grafton Select Board.
3. All applicants shall have a current, valid Massachusetts License to Operate Motor Vehicles and shall furnish a copy of said license to the Town.
4. At the discretion of the Grafton Select Board, any applicant for constable may be subject to a background check for criminal histories. An applicant shall be automatically disqualified from further consideration if any of the following appear on their criminal record
 - a. Felony conviction(s)
 - b. Misdemeanor conviction(s) within the past five (5) years; or, misdemeanor conviction(s) at any time for a crime involving violence.
 - c. Existing restraining orders issued against them by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether said court is located within or without the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
5. Upon consideration of the application and all relevant documentation, the Select Board or their designee shall make a determination of whether the applicant is "*a person of good repute and character and qualified to hold said office.*"¹ Only those applicants who meet these criteria shall be appointed.
6. Any decision made by the Select Board regarding the appoint of any applicant will be final.

¹ M.G.L. c. 41 §91B

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Approved By: Select Board

Date: 12/14/21

Chair

Vice Chair

Clerk

Member

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